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SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM BAN

1. IN MAY 22 MEETING, FRENCH DCM LA GORCE TOLD ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA HAD CALLED ON TURKISH "DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS" NOTING GOF CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE LIFTING OF OPIUM BAN. AMBAS- SADOR HAD ALSO REPEATED REMARKS MADE BY FRENCH REP IN GENEVA REGARDING EFFECTIVENESS OF BAN. TURKISH OFFICIAL HAD TAKEN NOTE OF PRESENTATION.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR BELIEVES GOT WILL DECIDE LIFT BAN AND PROCEED WITH CULTIVATION IN LIMITED QUANTITIES AND UNDER STRICT CONTROLS. HE REPORTED EXTREME TURKISH SENSITIVITIES OVER ISSUE.

3. HARTMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FRENCH APPROACH (WHICH HE HAD PERSONALLY URGED) AND OUTLINED US CONCERNS
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